

Possible Sources Of Technical & Financial Assistance

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

The National Park Service (NPS)

Check Tool IV-2, the government pages of your local directory, or NPS's web site for the office serving your community.

www.cr.nps.gov/rtca

The NPS's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program helps communities improve their quality of life by conserving rivers and establishing trails on lands outside of the national park and forest system. It cooperates with state and local governments aiding citizen-led efforts to protect natural resources and enhance recreational opportunities.

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

Check the government pages of your local directory or the Corps' web site for the office serving your community.

www.usace.army.mil

The Corps provides information and advice on flood control projects and flood proofing; cost sharing on flood control projects; and assistance on stream clearing and snagging projects.

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

U. S. Department of Agriculture

Check the government pages of your local directory or NRCS's web site for your State's NRCS office.

www.nrcs.usda.gov

The NRCS provides technical assistance on land-use planning, conservation planning, resource development, stormwater management, flood prevention, erosion control, and sediment reduction. It also conducts detailed soil surveys and watershed and river basin planning; and assists with recreation, fish, and wildlife management. It provides cost sharing to improve water quality and reduce flood damage in small watersheds.

U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)

Check the government pages of your local directory or FWS's web site for the office serving your community.

www.fws.gov

The FWS provides technical and financial assistance to restore wetlands and riparian habitats.

The Design Arts Program

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Nancy Hanks Center

1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 625
Washington, DC 20506

The NEA's Design Arts Program funds projects that promote excellence in urban design, historic preservation, planning, architecture, and landscape planning.

Office of Wetlands, Oceans, & Watersheds

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Check the government pages of your local directory or EPA's web site for the office serving your community.

www.epa.gov/owow

The EPA's mission is to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment on which that health depends. It provides both technical and financial assistance to further its mission.

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Bureau of Reclamation

U. S. Department of the Interior
Public Affairs Office
1849 C St., NW, Main Interior
Room 7060-MIB
Washington, DC 20240-0001
(202) 208-4662
www.usbr.gov

The Bureau of Reclamation manages wet resources west of the Mississippi River. It focuses on water conservation, treatment, quality, supply, and uses and environmental protection.

Urban Resources Partnership

Check the government pages of your local directory for the office nearest your community, or ask one of the participating agencies for further information.

The Urban Resources Partnership is an interagency group comprising six federal agencies: FWS, NPS, EPA, NRCS, Cooperative Extension Service, and Forest Service. It provides grants to support tree planting, trail establishment, wetland and prairie restoration, and stream bank and riparian improvements.

The National Recreation Trail Trust

Contact your State's transportation department.

The National Recreation Trail Trust, administered by the Federal Highway Administration, disperses grants through State transportation departments for trail construction and management.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC)

1100 17th St., NW, 10th Floor
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 466-3742
www.railtrails.org

RTC is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to create a nationwide network of public trails from abandoned rail lines and connecting corridors. It monitors upcoming rail abandonment, assists in corridor acquisition, and provides technical assistance on trail design and development.

The American Greenways Program

The Conservation Fund
1800 N. Kent St., Suite 1120
Arlington, VA 22209
(703) 525-6333
www.conservationfund.org

The American Greenways Program's goal is to establish a nationwide network of open corridors. It provides information and technical assistance on all greenway planning and development, and small grants and assistance in acquiring land for greenways.

American Greenways DuPont Awards Program

The Conservation Fund

The American Greenways DuPont Awards Program, administered by the Conservation Fund, provides grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to local greenway projects.

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The Nature Conservancy

International Headquarters

1815 North Lynn St.

Arlington, VA 22209

(703) 841-5300

*Check your local directory or the
Conservancy's web site for the office
nearest your community.*

www.tnc.org

The Nature Conservancy preserves habitats and species by buying and protecting lands and waters they need to survive.

National Trust for Historic Preservation

1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW

Washington, DC 20036

(800) 944-6847

www.nthp.org

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving our nation's historic places and revitalizing communities.

Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

*Check your local directory for the regional
office or chapter nearest your community.*

www.ducks.org

Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest non-profit wetlands, waterfowl, and wildlife conservation organization.

The National Audubon Society

700 Broadway

New York, NY 10003

(212) 979-3000

*Check your local directory for the chapter
nearest your community.*

www.audubon.org

The National Audubon Society and its local chapters support the conservation of wetlands through a variety of activities, to include acquisition, education, technical assistance, alliance building, and restoration.

American Rivers

801 Pennsylvania Ave., SE

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 547-6900

www.amrivers.org

American Rivers is the only national nonprofit organization devoted exclusively to the preservation of the nation's rivers and their landscapes. It builds coalitions and provides technical support to strengthen local and regional conservation efforts that protect rivers.

The American Farmland Trust

1920 N St., NW, Suite 400

Washington, DC 20036

(202) 659-5170

www.farmland.org

The American Farmland Trust protects agricultural land. It provides technical assistance in agricultural land preservation, and directly protects farms by acquisition and other means.

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The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

1120 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 857-0166
www.nfwf.org

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is dedicated to the conservation of natural resources. The Foundation awards challenge grants using federally appropriated funds to match private-sector funds.

The Global Relief Heritage Forest Program

American Forestry Association
P. O. Box 2000
Washington, DC 20013

The American Forestry Association provides funds for planting tree seedlings on public land, with emphasis on diversifying species, regenerating ecosystems, and implementing best forest-management practices.

American Hiking Society

P. O. Box 20160
Washington, DC 20041-2160
(703) 385-3252
www.orca.org/ahs

The American Hiking Society promotes hiking and establishing, protecting, and maintaining foot trails. The society encourages volunteerism in trail building and maintenance.

Fish American Foundation

1010 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 320
Washington, D. C. 20007

The Fish America Foundation provides grants for projects that enhance or conserve water and fisheries resources.

River Network Partnership

P. O. Box 8787
Portland, OR 97207
(800) 423-6747

Members of the River Network Partnership receive fundraising, organizational development, and campaign strategy assistance; and access to a vast information network. Dues are based on an organization or agency's budget. Partners include grassroots groups, all levels of government agencies, and individuals willing to provide financial assistance.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL)

116 New Montgomery, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 495-4014
www.igc.apc.org

TPL is a nonprofit, problem-solving organization whose mission is to conserve property for people's enjoyment as open space. It works in partnership with local communities, and might provide both financial and technical assistance.

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Colleges and Universities

Faculty and students at colleges and universities within your State might be able to provide technical knowledge and assistance. Look to departments that teach such subjects as biology, ecology, environmental science, geology, physical fitness, community planning, landscape architecture, etc. Broker arrangements whereby student volunteers earn credit.

This list is not all-inclusive.

Check your local telephone directory, chamber of commerce, and media for organizations and associations concerned specifically with the preservation of natural resources within your community, State, or region. • Your project might be appropriately combined with programs being conducted within schools. • Businesses and civic organizations might be willing to donate equipment, materials, or services. • Volunteers can provide much of the necessary labor.

Explore all possibilities.

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